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**RE: public hearing testimony,  
SB 522 (opposed), HB 5499 (opposed),  
HB 6335 (support), SB 942 (support/amendments), HB 6334 , (support)**

TO: Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-Chair Miner, Co-Chair Demicco, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Gresko, Vice Chair Somers, Ranking Member Harding, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

**I ask that you accept the following as public hearing testimony regarding the above-captioned bills.**

**1) I OPPOSE SB 522 – which would allow bear hunting.**

I contend that there is no reasoned or reasonable evidence to support this initiative.

**2) I OPPOSE HB 5499 – which would expand Sunday hunting to allow use of shotguns, rifles, and muzzleloaders.**

I contend that there is no reasoned or reasonable evidence to support this change. I opposed the change to allow bow hunting on Sundays, and submitted testimony. This is an unacceptable expansion that denigrates the interests of the overwhelming majority of non-consumptive users (e.g., hikers, birders, mountain bikers) of the state's environment.

**3) I SUPPORT HB 6335 – an “ivory sales ban**

**4) I SUPPORT (with amendments), SB 942 – (known as “Cecil's law”) regarding anti -trophy hunting.**

I contend that this is a common-sense initiative.

**5) I SUPPORT HB 6334 -- that would require registration for all brick-and-mortar animal shelters and allow for inspections and creation of regulations that define standards of care.**

**I also ask that you consider bringing up HB 5615 for a public hearing. I contend that there is no reasoned or reasonable argument defending continued state (DEEP) control of this issue.**

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

With Regards,

*(signature)*

Peter Hood

Thanks and regards,  
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